

..... is the story of Zacchaeus. They love squeezing their fingers tight to represent his short stature. They love moving their arms like they're climbing the tree to see Jesus. They even cup their hand over their eyes to represent Jesus looking up at the man. I would suggest that, while these are incredible parts of the story, there is another that ought to make a huge difference in my outlook on life. It's also what makes the story one of my personal favorites.

Luke writes:

“Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house” (Luke 19:1-5).

To understand the significance of what happens, let's imagine we are in the story. Pick an image of a crowded event, like a stadium full of people, for your mind's eye. Can you see all the people? Can you see how seemingly insignificant one person would be in such a crowd? By this point in the ministry of Jesus, crowds were like this. Hundreds and sometimes thousands of people followed Him wherever He travelled (John 6:1ff.). Imagine being a part of a crowd like this and, just like Zacchaeus, wanting to be close to Jesus. Seeing Jesus would be difficult for anyone in a sea of people especially for someone short of stature. All you want is a glimpse of the Savior but there's no real expectation on your part that you will even be close enough to discern the man in the middle. As the crowd passes by it suddenly comes to a stop. Jesus has stopped. He speaks and everyone is listening. He looks up at you and calls you by name. What an incredible moment.

This is what makes the difference in the story. No matter how many people are vying for the Lord's attention, He still knows my name. No matter how insignificant I may feel compared to others, Jesus stops to look at me. No matter how far back I am in the crowd, I am important to the Son of God. He knows me. He loves me.

I realize in a world of over eight billion people, it is easy to feel small. Even in a much smaller crowd, we can still sometimes feel unnoticed. Just remember the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus stopped in a crowd of people to recognize him. He knows my name and yours. How great is that?

# North Hamilton Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services: Sunday 10:30 am, 5:00 pm; Wednesday 7:00 pm



September 27, 2020

**“He knows my name”  
David B. Smith**

We talk through Bible stories with our girls every night. This means we have to work hard to change up the teaching so that we don't repeat the same texts over and over again. There's nothing wrong with repetition. It's a great way of learning and, according to Peter, necessary to a strong faith (2 Pet. 1:12-14). We just want them to have a better overall picture of redemption versus knowing only a few events in Scripture. Still, they have their favorites. When offered a chance, they will always pick from a handful of their prized stories. Jonah, David and Goliath, and Daniel are almost always on the list of favorites. So is the story of the Lord's crucifixion. They are very drawn to that and we are grateful. Another.....

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#### **Elders:**

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Brad Jones  
Tommy Qualls  
Chris Randolph  
Curt Stewart  
Justin Tripp  
Toby Ward

#### **Preacher:**

David B. Smith  
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**Prayer List -- Members**

|                  |                |              |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Nancy Birch      | Bobby Wilson   | Susie Hargis |
| Jenny Partin     | Loretta Leffew | Judy Lusk    |
| Tommy Grandfield |                |              |

**Prayer List -- Friends and Family**

|                   |                   |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mike Bouldin      | Fred Hafley       | Tina Brown         |
| Tony Miller       | Steve Gaines      | Steve Higginbotham |
| Tim Randolph      | Bill Greer        | Juanita Johnson    |
| Janice Smith      | Grayson Ledbetter | Bessie Smithson    |
| Diane Stacy       | Becky Eustice     | John Webster       |
| Ruth Fuller       | Terry Driver      | Jan Burton         |
| Tammy Hudson      | Kathy Hamilton    | Sherry Phipps      |
| Mary Ellen Phipps | Kenlie Carr       | Carol Dodd         |
| Clinton Miller    |                   |                    |

(See additional information on each of these on the bulletin board at either hallway.)

**Sick and Recovering**

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

**John Blanks** will be having pacemaker surgery on October 7.

**Clinton Miller**, father of Cindy Haynes, has an aortic aneurysm.

**Carol Dodd**, former member at NHCOC, is receiving treatments for cancer.

**Participating in Worship Service – September 27, 2020**

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| Leading Singing: Terry Pursley | Opening Prayer: Steve Pell, Sr. |
| Lord’s Supper: Carroll Oxford  | Closing Prayer: Joel Laney      |

PM Opening Prayer: Tommy Qualls      PM Closing Prayer: Keith Herron

**Sermon Topics**

- **AM:** “Missiles in Marriage” part 3 - Malachi 2:10-16
- **PM:** “Redeeming the Time” – Colossians 4:5
- Livestreaming continues in the fellowship room (masks mandated) for all services.
- **Attendance: Sunday 9/13 AM – 128; PM – 104; Wednesday 9/16 – 93**

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*Something to think about: “Give Satan an inch and he’ll become your ruler”*

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:** Tuesday – Diane Walker; Thursday - Cindy Davidson, Linda Germ; Friday – Gail Elsea; Saturday – Harold Birch.

**Anniversaries:** Today – Darryl & Betty Meeks

**Important Dates for Your Calendar**

- October 11-15 – Gospel meeting at Lafayette, GA with Larry Acuff. See flyer on bulletin board for details
- Friday, October 16, 2020 – Virginia Creeper Trail ride. See Willard or Joel if interested.
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 – Special contribution toward Fellowship Building fund.
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – Children’s Home to pick up our contributions.
- **Hygiene Packs for Schools:** On Tuesday Paulette Oxford delivered 55 hygiene packs to the school for the needy kids in our area. Thanks to Carroll for helping with this project and thanks to NHCOC for the generosity that allows this project to continue.
- **Fellowship Building:** Work has begun, signs are in place, and progress is being made.
- **Ladies Bible Class** has met the past two weeks with 7 in attendance the first week and 14 the second week. We are meeting in the auditorium so that we can maintain social distancing. If you are available, we would love for you to join us on Tuesday morning at 10:00 am.

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*“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” Colossians 4:5-6*